

The FCC is poised to review relaxing Broadcast-Newspaper Cross-Ownership Prohibition and Local Radio Ownership Rules, a decision that will profoundly limit the scope and quality of information the public will receive in the future. Deregulation paridoxically has resulted not in media diversity, but consolidation of media ownership in the hands of a very few. Today, that ownership equals editorial control and is being used in that manner. This process must be reversed if anything like objective journalism is to be brought back to this country.

Because a diverse and local media is a cornerstone of a free society the FCC's Commissioners are obliged to vote "NO" to the proposed deregulation thus stopping further media consolidation in order to preserve media diversity and improve local media service.